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SUBJ: SENEGALESE RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

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PASS USIA/MEDIA REACTION

1. PRESIDENT SENGHOR HAS MADE FOLLOWING DECLARATION IN
INTERVIEW WITH LOCAL LE MONDE CORRESPONDENT WITH RESPECT
TO SENEGAL'S POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST:

" SENEGAL'S POINT OF VIEW HAS NOT CHANGED. THERE WILL
BE NO PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST WITHOUT NEGOTIATIONS.
AND THERE WILL BE NO NEGOTIATIONS UNLESS THE TWO
SUPERPOWERS INTERVENE IN CONCERT AND ESPECIALLY UNLESS
ISRAEL MAKES A DECLARATION OF NON-ANNEXATION.
THE BLOODY CHARACTER OF THE FIGHTING UNDERWAY IN
SINAI AND ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS REQUIRES THE SUPERPOWERS
AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO INTERVENE. THEY MAY DO IT
TODAY WITH GREATER CHANCE OF SUCCESS. IN FACT, THERE
IS A NEW ELEMENT: THE PRESENCE OF KISSINGER AT THE
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HEAD OF THE DEPT OF STATE.

BECAUSE HE IS OF JEWISH ORIGIN, AT THE SAME TIME
ENDOWED WITH GREAT INTELLIGENCE AND GREAT INTUITION,
HE IS BOUND TO SUCCEED. ISRAEL CANNOT RESIST AMERICAN
PRESSURE. SO MUCH THE LESS BECAUSE NO ARAB STATE IS
TALKING OF PUSHING THE ISRAELIS INTO THE SEA NOR OF
DENYING ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AS A NATION.

WHAT, INDEED, IS IN QUESTION, IS MORE URGENTLY, THE
LEGITIMACY OF TERRITORIAL CONQUEST BY FORCE OF ARMS, AND,
MORE FUNDAMENTALLY, THE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN ARABS,
MOSLEMS AND CHRISTIANS, TO SELF-DETERMINATION."

2. MINISTER OF INFORMATION DAOUDA SOW IN COURSE OF PRESS
CONFERENCE AFTER THE WEEKLY CABINET MEETING, COVERING
SEVERAL TOPICS, DECLARED THAT SENEGAL STANDS WITH THE ARABS
(LE SENEGAL EST SOLIDAIRE DES ETATS ARABES), BUT BELIEVES
PEACE CAN ONLY COME THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. HE ADDED, BEST
WAY TO HELP THE ARABS WOULD BE TO ASSIST THE TWO PARTIES TO
SEEK FRUITFUL AND POSITIVE DIALOGUE.

3. COMMENT: PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S BELIEF THAT SECRETARY
KISSINGER IS THE MAIN HOPE FOR AN EARLY MIDDLE EAST
SETTLEMENT HAS COME THROUGH ALSO IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS
THIS WEEK WITH AN AMERICAN VISITOR AND WITH THE NEW BRITISH
AMBASSADOR FOLLOWING THE LATTER'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS
YESTERDAY.
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED TEL AVIV OR CAIRO.

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